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John Woodruff, P.G. Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) 3401 Crow Canyon Road San Ramon, CA 94583

Subject: Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

Approval and Closure of Application for a Risk-Based Remediation

PG&E Transformer PCB Oil Release 301 Industrial Avenue in Lakeport, CA

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

Thank you for your submission of the Application for a Risk-Based Remediation (Application) associated with a spill release of PCB oil, located at 301 Industrial Avenue in Lakeport, CA (Site), submitted on February 9, 2016. The Application was prepared by Arcadis U.S., Inc., consultant to PG&E, and followed by a Request for Closure submitted on March 29, 2016. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is issuing this risk-based approval and closure (Approval) under the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 761.61(c).

On January 13, 2016, The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was notified that a PCB transformer at the Site released mineral oil containing PCBs at a concentration of 288 parts per million (ppm). During the spill event, a portion of the PCB-oil entered the adjacent roadway stormwater management system and eventually discharged to a residential boat basin area within Clear Lake. At the request of EPA, PG&E submitted an Application for Risk-Based Remediation in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 761.61(c), concurrently with ongoing cleanup efforts being performed under Subpart G.

Removal activities and soil and water verification sampling activities have been completed. Results from the verification sampling show that PCB levels meet both the Regional Screening Levels (RSL) and Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs) for drinking water.

This Approval does not relieve the Parties and their consultants from complying with other applicable TSCA PCB and Federal regulations, or state and local regulations and permits. Departure from this Approval without prior written permission from USEPA may result in revocation of this Approval. Nothing in this approval bars USEPA from imposing penalties for violations of this Approval or for violations of other applicable TSCA PCB requirements or for activities not covered under this Approval.

This approval only applies to the site that is the subject of this approval. USEPA reserves the right to require additional characterization and/or cleanup of PCBs at the Site if new information shows that PCBs remain at the Site above the USEPA-approved PCB cleanup levels, or if PCBs are found at other areas of the Site or immediately adjacent to the Site.

Please contact Angela Sandoval at (415) 972-3831 or sandoval.angela@epa.gov if you have questions or comments concerning this letter. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeff Scott

Director, Land Division

cc: Tanya Russi, Arcadis U.S., Inc. (via Email)

Brad Shelton, P.G., Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (via Email)